

Office Action Summary

1. **Claims 1, 4-14, 16-23, 26-36, 38-60, 63-75** are pending and allowed in the application.

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 4-22-2010 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of **US 6,962,531** has been reviewed and is accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

The examiner withdraws the double patenting rejection due to the terminal disclaimer.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1, 4-14, 16-23, 26-36, 38-60, 63-75** are pending and allowed in the application. Please see the reasons for allowance below.

Reasons for Allowance

3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The instant application has incorporated the allowable subject matter of a related case, application 09/782,616 (now **US 6,962,531**), and is therefore deemed allowable, further in view of the terminal disclaimer to the '531 patent) received on 3-24-2010.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jonathan G. Sterrett whose telephone number is 571-272-6881. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Beth Boswell can be reached on 571-272-6737.

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